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HINDUSTAN TIMES MAY 2 FRONT PAGES REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BHATTACHARJEA HEADED "PEKING ATTACK ON INDIA THROUGH BURMA POSSIBLE, BOWLES TESTIMONY". STORY SAYS BOWLES DID NOT MENTION BURMA BY NAME BUT THAT HIS MEANING OBVIOUS WHEN HE SAID THAT INDIA COULD DEFEND HERSELF AGAINST ATTACK FROM NORTH BUT WAS MORE VULNERABLE "IF ATTACKED THROUGH SOUTH ASIA." STORY ALSO SAYS THAT WASHINGTON "SENIOR OFFICIALS" PLACING FRESH EMPHASIS ON CONTINUING THREAT OF RENEWED CHICOM ATTACKS THROUGH SOUTH ASIA AND BURDEN THIS IMPOSES ON INDIA.

STORY ALSO REFERS TO TESTIMONY OF GAUD AND GRANT BEFORE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE APRIL 30, AND SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC FIGURE MENTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT LOANS TO NEA/SOA REGIONS, AMOUNT REQUESTED WAS OVER \$100 MILLION MORE THAN IN CURRENT YEAR. "BHATTACHARJEA SAYS BOTH GRANT AND GAUD "CAREFUL NOT TO HURT PAKISTAN'S FEELINGS."

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